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TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR SPAIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NYERERE'S REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT ON EAC

REF: A) NAIROBI 2606; B) STATE 41132

1. DRAWING ON REFTELS, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT, WHEN A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, YOU MENTION TO NYERERE THAT OUR AMBASSADOR IN NAIROBI DISCUSSED THE FUTURE OF THE EAC WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT DURING THE TALK KENYATTA SEEMED ALIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE, WAS ANXIOUS FOR GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND HOPEFUL THAT SOME EAC RELATIONSHIP COULD BE MAINTAINED.

2. YOU MAY MENTION THAT KENYATTA'S ATTITUDE AND HIS
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DESCRIPTION OF HIS "FRIENDLY" TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH NYERERE SUGGEST TO US THAT HE HAS A GENUINE INTEREST IN PRESERVING AS MANY OF THE REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS POSSIBLE. WHILE IN PRINCIPLE USG FAVORS REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE EAC SITUATION IS ONE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE OF RESOLUTION WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

FYI: UK EMBASSY HERE INFORMS US THAT UK HAS NOT YET BEEN
APPROACHED BY NYERERE AND PREFERS NOT TO WEIGH IN WITH

KENYATTA ON THIS ISSUE FOR FEAR OF BEING ACCUSED OF
INTERVENING IN GOK INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
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